IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-17 with the corresponding amended claims.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for producing an insulated stator winding for a rotating electrical machine, comprising the steps of:

applying at least one electrically insulating shrink-on sleeve with a rectangular cross-section to a periphery of at least one electrically conductive conductor bar with a rectangular cross-section; and

shrinking the shrink-on sleeve onto the conductor bar.

2. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

mechanically dilating the shrink-on sleeve in its cold state; and

applying the shrink-on sleeve around the outer periphery of a support sleeve before the support sleeve is pulled over the conductor bar.

3. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

removing the support sleeve from between the shrink-on sleeve and the conductor bar after the support sleeve surrounded by the shrink-on sleeve has been applied to the conductor bar.

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4. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

melting the support sleeve after applying the support sleeve surrounded by the shrink-on sleeve onto the conductor bar by introducing heat, wherein the support sleeve is a meltable polymer.

5. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the shrink-on sleeve is a hot-shrinking material and the step of shrinking is shrinking under the effect of heat.

6. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

dilating the shrink-on sleeve with compressed air; and

pulling the shrink-on sleeve in a cold state over the conductor bar.

7. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the shrink-on sleeve is constructed of a plurality of radially superimposed layers, each layer having a different property.

8. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the shrink-on sleeve is produced by co-extrusion, blow molding, or injection molding.

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9. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the step of applying is applying a plurality of shrink-on sleeves and/or sleeves with different properties around the periphery of the conductor bar.

10. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the shrink-on sleeve is provided at a contact surface with the conductor bar with a thermally stable adhesive.

11. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the shrink-on sleeve is constructed of an extruded elastomer.

12. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the conductor bar surrounded by the shrink-on sleeve is bent with a bending device into a shape suitable for the stator.

13. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a conductor bar consists of a plurality of individual conductors.

14. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein at least some of the individual conductors are temporarily connected with each other.

15. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the plurality of conductor bars are not Roebel-transposed in the area of an involute.

16. (Twice Amended) A shrink-on sleeve for encasing a conductor bar, wherein the shrink-on sleeve has a rectangular internal cross-section.

17. (Twice Amended) The shrink-on sleeve as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the shrink-on sleeve is placed around a support sleeve.

Please add new claims 18-22 as follows:

18 (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rotating electrical machine is a direct current machine or an alternating current machine.

19. (New) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the support sleeve is removed by a helical opening of the support sleeve.

20. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the meltable polymer is a conductive polymer.

21. (New) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein at least one of the individual conductors has a rectangular cross-section.